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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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Currently only one-third of the cities served by the County library participate in the special parcel tax. This is one of the reasons why the library is experiencing a shortfall in revenues. Yet, this year there are one-time savings into other accounts that may be used to prevent closures of libraries and serious service reductions.

At the beginning of this fiscal year, the Board of Supervisors asked County Counsel to set aside \$3.48 million into the Provisional Financing Unit from the \$167 million spent on legal costs, to determine if some or all of that money could be saved through litigation management reforms.

As of today, County Counsel has not had to use this fund. These savings in litigation can now be allotted to avoid some of the cuts in library services. The Library Department is facing a \$7 million deficit that will result in the closure of 15 libraries throughout the County.

The remaining source to fill this gap in our library system can be filled with a portion of the Provisional Financing Unit recommended at \$24 million for the Los Angeles County Administrative System (LACAS).

I, THEREFORE, MOVE, that the Board:

1. Allocate and transfer \$4.22 million from the LACAS Provisional Financing Unit to the Library Budget FY 2003-04; and

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2. Allocate and transfer \$3.48 million from the Legal/Settlement Costs Provisional Financing Unit to the Library Budget FY 2003-04.
3. This action would be contingent on a requirement that all cities served by the County library that are not currently participating in the library's special tax place a measure on their local ballot by June 30, 2004 to give their voters the opportunity to vote on whether to participate in the special tax.

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